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Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, 2013
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:00 p.m.

Board Present: John Carter, Joe Hoffmann, Jane St. John

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Becky Barrick-Higgins, Leslie Brinson, Barb Dunbar, Dave Williams, Julie Ramey, Bill Ream, Bev Johnson, John Turnbull, Elizabeth Tompkins, Paula McDevitt, Greg Jacobs, Ellen Campbell

City Administration: Greg Small, Legal Department

Interns: Kendall Dawson, Alec Snelson, Blake Loudermilk

A-1. Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2013 Meeting

A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted May 29 – June 24, 2013

A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments

A-4. Review of Business Report

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Public Comment Period

No public comment at this time.

B-2. Bravo Award – none this month

B-3. Parks Partner Award – none this month

B-4. Staff Recognition/Introductions – Blake Loudermilk, Kendall Dawson, Dave Williams

Ms. Loudermilk introduced herself to the Board stating that she is completing her internship with the Operations Division. Upon completion of her internship, she will receive her Bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Tourism Management with a minor in Recreation Park Administration. She hopes to further her education and experience in the recreation field in the future. Ms. Loudermilk's main responsibility this summer is to complete an Excel document inventory of departmental fixed assets. This document will have a summary worksheet listing department asset totals followed by detailed individual worksheets for each park property.

Mr. Dawson introduced himself to the Board and stated that he is completing his internship this summer under the direction of Ms. Brinson at the Banneker Community Center. He will also be working with the Community Events division, assisting with events each month. Mr. Dawson has volunteered with the department in the past at Bryan Park Pool and Twin Lakes Sports Park and he is excited to see the recreation programming side of the department. He will graduate in August of 2014 from Indiana University's School of Public Health with a Bachelor's degree in Recreational Sports Management and Marketing. He is hoping this internship will help guide his future career path.

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board and acknowledged the 20 year anniversary of Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams is one of the best park and recreation project managers in the country. A few of Mr. Williams' accomplishments: Playgrounds at Bryan Park, Sherwood Oaks Park, Waldron Hill Buskirk (3rd Street) Park, Park Ridge East, Reverend Ernest Butler Park, Building & Trades Park, Upper and Lower Cascades Park, and for the second time in his tenure, the RCA Park. Other projects include: The Miller Showers renovation, Cascades Park, every square foot of trail developed today, including the Clear Creek, Jackson Creek, and B-Line Trails. These projects are on top of the day to day activities that Mr. Williams oversees, including Cemeteries, Landscaping, and Urban Forestry divisions. Mr. Renneisen attributed the high rankings on the last survey to the high standards that Mr. Williams places on himself and his staff. Mr. Williams is a great team player and overall integral part of the Parks staff. The Switchyard project is next!

The Board offered their congratulations to Mr. Williams for his years of service and for his dedication to the community.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with White River Co-op for Drool in the Pool Event

Mr. Ream addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with White River Co-op for Drool in the Pool. He stated that this event is now in its ninth year and this is the seventh year for this partnership. White River Co-op has been a major sponsor and vital part of the vent since its inception. Drool in the Pool was a very successful 2-day event in 2012, held at Mills Pool, with 250 dogs and over 400 humans participating. As stated in the partnership agreement, White River Co-op secures vendors, judges, and prizes for the event as well as volunteers to assist the day of the event. The event will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, August 14 and 15 from 5-8 pm at Mills Pool. The first day is for swimming and a dog jumping/splash contest. The second day will include swimming, more contests, giveaways and activities. Dog vendors will also be present to hand out samples and promote their dog specialty. The zero depth entrance at Mills Pool allows easier access for dogs to get in and out of the pool. Dog guards will be on duty to oversee all pool activity.

Mr. Carter reminded the public that the pool is closed for the season before this event takes place.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with White River Co-op. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Volume Discount Rate at TLRC

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board seeking approval of a full-court volume discount at TLRC. He stated that the current published price is \$25 per court/per hour. The suggested volume discount is \$20 per court/per hour. He stated that the department currently has a partnership agreement with Chris Doran for the turf at TLRC for soccer programs and he is given a volume discount as part of the partnership. This same opportunity exists for courts at the TLRC and staff would like to pursue that same volume discount for use of courts. There are two groups that are potential partners for volume discounts, Munciana Volleyball and DistinXion Basketball. Staff feels it is important to provide a reduced rate with the agreement of volume rentals, payments on time, and adhering to a pre-cancellation policy.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the volume discount rate at the TLRC. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review/Approval of B-Line Encroachment Permit for B-Line Station Project

Mr. Williams addressed the Board seeking approval of the B-Line encroachment permit for the B-Line Station project. He stated that this request is from Neighborhood Solutions for a project located at the corner of Dodds Street and the B-Line Trail to facilitate sidewalk access to the trail and provide bike parking. The B-Line State project was approved along the east boundary of the B-Line Trail between Allen and Dodds streets. The development includes a commercial structure at the corner of the trail and Dodds, one condominium unit, and twelve owner occupied residences whose back yards abut the trail. The requested encroachment would permit sidewalk connections to the trail from each of the twelve residences, a sidewalk connection from the condominium unit, and a hard surface bike parking area that would be on B-Line Trail and B-Line Station property. The encroachment permit states it is the developer's responsibility for all expenses related to the

construction, maintenance and repair of the sidewalk connections. The sidewalks and bike rack area will be surfaced with concrete pavers and will include B-Line Trail logo bike racks. The bike parking area will be maintained by Parks. All earth disturbing activities on trail property will comply with the conditions stated in the Environmental Restrictive Covenant for remediated soils on the trail. Special Use permits will be required for any activity on the B-Line Trail that may exclude the recreational use of the property by the public. The encroachment conditions will be recorded and run with the deeded property obligating the Developer and their successors to the agreement.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that he is pleased to have this neighbor next to the B-Line Trail. This is exactly the type of development the Board and staff were hoping to see once the trail was developed and with the future development of the Switchyard Park. He stated that staff will need to be cautious with approving encroachments and a policy needs to be developed to guide the development along the trail and the park.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the B-Line encroachment permit for the B-Line Station project. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Administration Division – No Report

D-2. Sports Division –Frank Southern Ice Arena Roof Update

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board and stated that the barrel roof at Frank Southern Ice Arena is in disrepair, is leaking and is going to be replaced in July. The funding is being provided by a donation made by the Hill family several years ago to the Parks Foundation. The donation was made with the hopes of one day building a new facility. However, they have agreed on a couple of occasions to fund improvements, and they have approved \$150,000 to replace the roof. Work will begin in mid July and should only take about three weeks to complete. It will be completed by the time the rink opens for the season in the fall. Four bids were received for the project and Building Associates was the low bid at \$132,000.

D-3. Operations Division –RCA Playground Ceremony

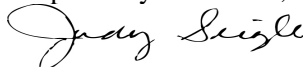
Ms. Dunbar addressed the Board and stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground at RCA Community Park is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16 at 10:00. The ceremony will coincide with a children's event "Messy Mania" that runs from 9am – noon for children ages 1-8. The playground was funded with grant funds through the City's HAND Department. One area features play equipment for children ages 5-12 and another space for children ages 2-5. Both areas are connected with accessible walkways. Staff is very excited about this new playground and feels it will be a great destination playground like the one at Lower Cascades.

D-4. Recreation Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners